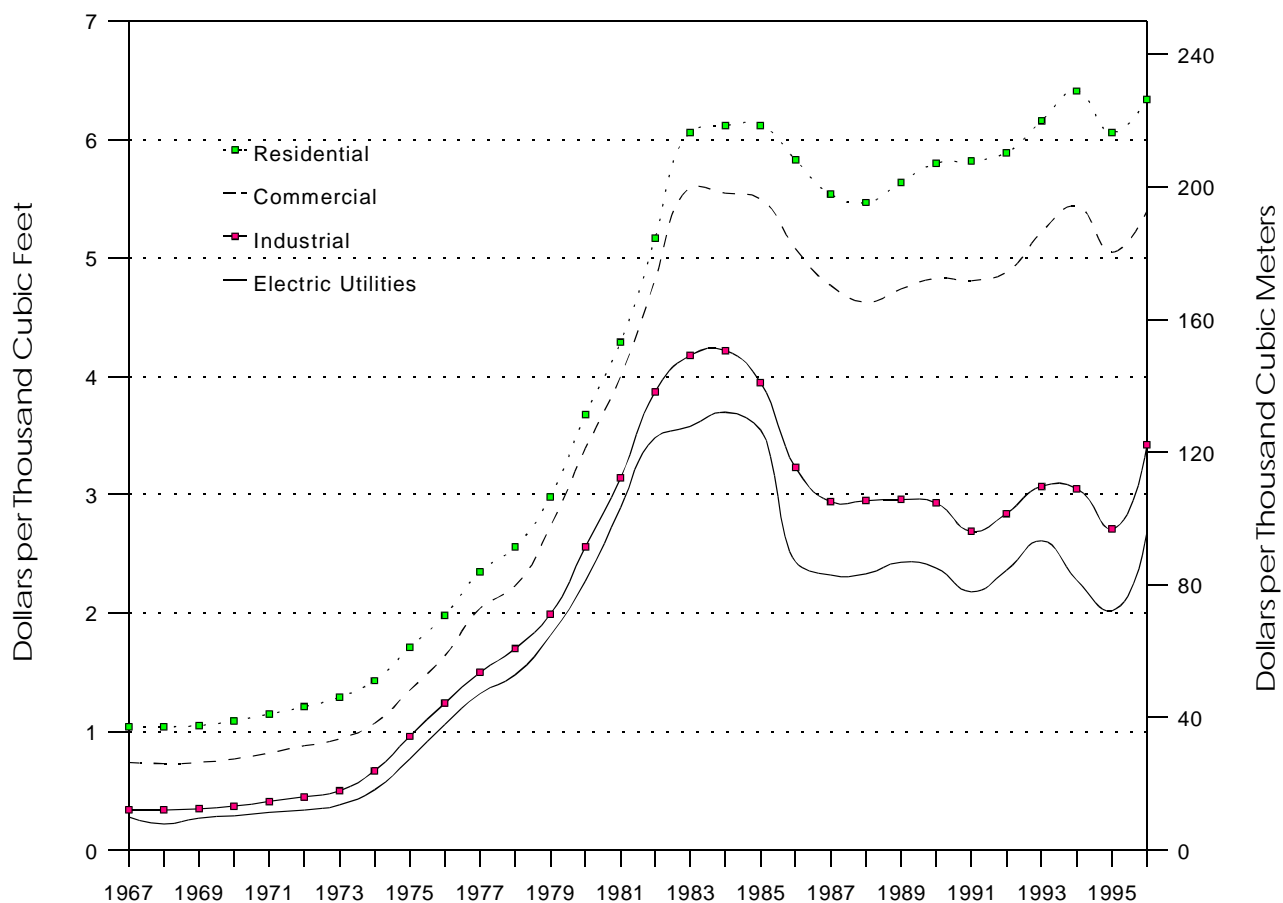


Figure 3. Average Price of Natural Gas Delivered to U.S. Consumers, 1967-1996



Note: In 1996, consumption of natural gas for agricultural use is classified as industrial use. In 1995 and earlier years, agricultural use was classified as commercial use.

Sources: Electric Utilities: 1967-1977: Federal Power Commission (FPC). 1978-1993: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Form EIA-759, "Monthly Power Plant Report;" Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Form FERC-423, "Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Utility Plants" and Form EIA-176, "Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition." All other data: 1967-1975: Bureau of Mines, *Minerals Yearbook*, "Natural Gas" chapter. 1976-1978: EIA, Energy Data Report, *Natural Gas Annual*. 1979: EIA, *Natural Gas Production and Consumption 1979*. 1980-1996: EIA, Form EIA-176, "Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition"; and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Form FERC-423, "Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants."